

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 6, 1847.

FOR PRESIDENT.

ZACHARY TAYLOR,
OF LOUISIANA,
Subject to the decision of the Whig National Convention.

WHIG NOMINATION

FOR GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND,
WILLIAM T. GOLDSBOROUGH,
OF DORCHESTER COUNTY.

TELEGRAPHIC.

DESPATCH NO. 1.

Richmond, Aug. 6, 17 min. p. 9 p. m.

Highly Important from Gen. Scott.

Peace negotiations blown sky high.

SANTA ANNA PREPARED TO MEET GENERAL SCOTT.

MARCH OF GEN. SCOTT UPON THE CAPITOL ON JULY 15.

Santa Anna's force twenty-two thousand.

We have highly important and stirring intelligence from Gen. Scott's column. Riddle & Co.'s Express brought the news to the Charleston Courier, one day in advance of the mail.

The peace negotiations have been blown sky high. They were only a ruse on the part of the enemy to gain time.

Santa Anna with a force of twenty-two thousand men was prepared to meet Gen. Scott.

Gen. Scott was to march upon the Capitol on the 15th of July.

A bloody battle was anticipated.

DESPATCH NO. 2.

Richmond, August 6, 2
5 m. past 9 a. m.

Bolling's majority in Petersburg 107—Dinwiddie at 3 p. m. yesterday 37 and in Prince George 14. Meade's majority in Greenville 69.

33—The Newport, R. I. Mercury says that Captain Wm. V. Taylor has received orders to take command of the Ohio 74, now on the Brazil station.

We will go for no man for President without "principles!" [Jeff. City, Mo. Metropolitan.] That is—the five loves and two fishes.

The President at the Capitol Ground.—We do not remember when we have been so much gratified as we were last evening in meeting with the President in the west grounds of the Capitol. He was accompanied by his adopted son and walked briskly throughout the grounds stopping to drink out of the common iron goblet at the spring near the south-west entrance and cordially returning the salutes of his fellow citizens. This unrestrained intercourse of the Chief Magistrate with the people and his unostentatious appearance in public are one of the richest fruits of our republication system. So, may it ever be!

Musical Library.—See Mrs. Anderson's proposition to form a Musical Circulating Library.—It's a capital idea, and ought to take.

REV. W. L. McCALLA AND PRESIDENT POLK.—The Philadelphia Sun has received from the Rev. W. L. McCalla, a full statement of his memorable interview with President Polk, which it will lay before the public to-day.

Backwood for July.—The paper on "Prescott's Peru" is rich in thought and clad in elegant and terse language. It is a valuable epitome of this great work of the Spanish American historian. "Crossing the Desert" is an interesting article, and full of Arab life. "Life of Richter" is a treasure to the lovers of German Biography. It abounds in German lore. "The Masochia Club" is a sort of dare devil article written we suppose by a sailor. It is sufficiently stirring. "Letter from a Railway witness" is a valuable article, and gives a clear insight into the Railway mania now prevailing in England. "Nicholas' History of the Navy," is a brief review of England's greatness on the seas. "Evening's at sea" we can't say much for. It is the fruit of a morbid mind. "The Dog of Albiades" is worth the whole number. We purpose to print it in the National Whig. It is a perfect picture of French life. "Sir Robert Peel and the Currency" is a political article of great value, and helps one to get a clear notion of Tory politics on this great question and this great man. This number, on the whole, is superior to its immediate predecessors, through there are not the usual supply of light reading.

LADIES' PAGES.—Ornaments by this pretty name are now in fashion in Paris, consisting of a gold thumb and finger suspended by a chain to the waist, and constructed with a spring by which they hold up a lady's dress in crossing wet sidewalks from shop to carriage.

Encouraging from the West. The Cincinnati Gazette, whose Editor is not a sanguine man, in its number of the 2d instant predicts a splendid victory for the Whigs in Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana. The tone of the Louisville Journal which has created so much alarm here was not intended to enlighten the public mind abroad of the tendency of things, but to arouse and wake up the Whigs at home. We are happy to hear that the Journal's course had its effect.

Why, say six old ladies, who had sense enough to manage a family, could organize a better government in two weeks. It is about time the gentlemen should drop politics as a bad job, and betake themselves to dusting brushes and dishcloths, and let the women try it awhile. If they made a worse of it they would deserve a premium for their ingenuity at chaos making.—Mrs. Swishelm's Letters to Pittsburg Journal.

The President and his Cabinet are indeed in a bad way when they bring down upon them the condemnation of the Mrs. Swishelm of the press.

Mortality among Children in Washington.—We learn from a gentleman, who says he has taken the pains to ascertain, that two hundred children died in this city from the 1st of June to the 1st of August.

THE ANTICIPATED BATTLE!

The agony is over—the agony of peace—of Mr. Clerk Trist's peace—of Mr. Polk's overtures for peace to a proud and uncompromising enemy by a handful of soldiers in the midst of millions of the enemy, and in sight of the enemy's ancient capital. The agony of such a foolish policy is over, and the public mind, so long tantalized by idle hopes of peace held out, and held up by the Administration and its sycophants, is now turned to the contemplation of another anticipated and bloody battle. In the absence of all detail of the intelligence brought to Charleston by the go-ahead Riddle who runs a private express for some active and enterprising merchants, and cut off in a measure from Washington by the exorbitant demands of the telegraphic wires between this city and Richmond for transmission of intelligence—the mere outlines of the telegraphic sketch given in another column, costing us one hundred and fifty cents—it is impossible to arrive at any correct conclusion respecting the chances of the expected battle. Those chances in the ordinary course of things are in our favor ten to one, but this disproportion may have been, for ought we know, removed by events subsequent to the period of our last intelligence from Puebla. The most intense anxiety has seized upon the public mind in regard to the issue upon which St. Anna and Gen. Scott have thrown themselves. It is plain that all our past advantages and victories are liable to be overturned by the result of the anticipated conflict. It is *Cæsar aut nihil—neq. or nothing*—with both Scott and Santa Anna. The responsibility of placing our invading column under Scott in such a position belongs to the Administration, which promised the General adequate force in his ascent from Vera Cruz upon the capital, and which have not kept its word. If Scott defeats the enemy, the Administration can have none of the honors of the victory. It will be a barren sceptre in the President's hands, as the victory of Buena Vista was. But it is not enough to excite the bitterest feelings against the conduct of the Administration that it should, a second time, have our gallant army exposed to the danger of being annihilated? One cannot contemplate the bloody scenes which await Gen. Scott's approach to the heart of Mexico, without a feeling of irrepressible anger against the President and his administration of public affairs. Not content with hurrying Scott into the interior with a corporal's guard and omitting to supply him with troops to keep open his rear, it vexes and harrasses him with the presence of a department clerk, suddenly magnified into a commissioner of peace, and thus is the commanding General of the invading column made to delay his military operations and to give time to the enemy to gather strength for another conflict. These repeated blunders of the Administration cannot shield themselves behind the plea of error of judgment. For ourselves, we have looked upon the course of the Administration in this whole war, as the result of cold deliberation. It is the continuance of the war which it desires and that at any and every expense—whether of life or treasure. The conquest of the whole of Mexico by force is the goal to which, we have all along and still believe, Mr. Polk is directing the energies of the country. Let the result of the anticipated battle be what it may, we predict that the next political shibboleth will be—subjugation of all Mexico. We tremble for Scott, we tremble for his gallant army. Thousands of brave spirits will be made to bite the dust, whether he is defeated or is victorious. But out of evil come the good. The unnecessary loss of human life which the mail may possibly bring to us to-morrow morning will be another nail in the coffin of the Administration that deals thus wantonly with the blood of the people.

Seamen's Rights. The Administration has decided in the Brazil case, we learn, that our seamen who on shore are subject to the laws of the country on whose soil they are. Query—is this decision constitutional?

Fire at Greenville, S. C. On the 34th ultimo the dwelling of Col. David Hoke, sheriff of the District, was destroyed by fire. His loss is five thousand dollars. Some injury was done to the adjoining buildings.

A Mrs. Gosling, of New York, has given birth to her 24th child.

Gen. Hopping was at last dates at the Sulphur Springs near Mer, for the benefit of his health. Perhaps the inhaling of a little sulphur smoke would perfectly restore him!

The editors of the Georgia papers are to hold a convention at Stone Mountain to confer with Mr. Chester respecting the tariff of telegraphs in that State. It will also appoint delegates to attend the proposed general editorial convention on the same subject to be held next fall, at a point not yet designated.

The Pennsylvania says—"Some of our city editors are writing with ivory quills. What kind of an animal were they plucked from?" The Germantown Telegraph judges from this, that our friend has never yet seen the elephant.

Nature's Frenzy. We saw a few days since, in Pettis county, says the Jefferson City Mo., Metropolitan, a curiosity in the person of a small negro girl, about two years old. She is as white as clear skin as we have ever seen; her hair is perfectly white, and as short and nappy as any negro's could be—looking like the wool on a closely shaven sheep; her eyes are very much crossed and appear weak. The father and mother are said to be as black as tar.

Narrow Escape. Three boys were in the fields seeking blackberries a week in Illinois. During the day a storm came and the boys took shelter under a tree. The tree was shivered to splinters by lightning, and the clothing of the little fellows was torn into shreds. Though all three were terribly shocked, neither was killed. "The Lord is in the lightning."

The Oregon Battalion. A letter from Fort Leavenworth, dated on the 26th ultimo, announces that the St. Charles and St. Louis companies voted, on the 23d, at Independence, for Lieut. Colonel. Capt. Sublette, of the Sublette Bangers, then received one majority over L. E. Powell, of St. Charles. The other companies had yet to vote. The Sublette Bangers arrived at Fort Leavenworth on the 25th, all in good health. Lanna and Geis' companies of mounted men for the Santa Fe expedition, were still at the Fort. There was nothing new from the plains, with the exception that the Indians were as troublesome as ever.

Mr. Grund's Logic.—The discursive twaddle of our friend Grund in the Baltimore Sun, under the signature of X would be too excessively amusing, were it not for the pompous solemnity with which his crude miseries are uttered forth to mislead the ignorant and unreflecting. A day or two since he announced, with a flourish of trumpets, about the Secretary of State's love of mingling the agreeable with the useful, the departure of Mr. Buchanan for the South, (Old Point Comfort!) in order to be nearer the seat of war, in the event of a peace. How perfectly ridiculous! Mr. B. leaves Washington, where he is within two or three minutes of communication with Richmond by telegraph, and goes to Old Point, the most direct, and most speedy intercourse with which, so far as our army is concerned, is through that city, to be nearer the seat of war! In other words to facilitate his communication with the South, he gets further off by, we believe, twenty-four hours, reference being had to the route the news must travel. Again X intimates that as Mr. B. has gone to the South, we must have peace making the one thing the necessary consequence of the other. Now we know friend Buck is a big man, and would be an "ugly customer" for any common Mexican single handed, but no body ever dreamed that by going about two hundred miles nearer, he would bring the entire astute Empire to terms. Herr Grund must have been taking his schnapps, when he intimated such nonsense. Mr. B. may obtain comfort by his trip, and we hope he will, but we fear the point of peace will not be reached.

Tanning.—Prof. Manes stated before the Newark Conversational Meeting that he had been experimenting some time upon this subject, and hit upon a plan which he thought was worthy the consideration of practical men. It was to prepare a cylinder with holes perforated throughout its circumference, and spread the hides over these upon the inside, and then pour in the liquor. If the cylinder be revolved about 3,000 times in a minute the water will pass through, by the centrifugal force as rapidly as if nothing restrained it, and by actual experiment he found that no tannic acid was left in the liquor that thus came through the leather.

The Way to Heaven.—How poor you are if you have no heaven but this world. You have nothing but a little part of this cloud of earth, and what is it all worth? If you have a little more land than your neighbors, or if you are in a way to make more money than others, if your accommodations are better than others, if you have more worldly conveniences and pleasures than others, or if you are promoted a little higher among men than some others are, what a poor portion is this and how miserable are you who have no better happiness than you can call your own? How happy do these things make you? Are such things as these the "rivers of pleasure" that you choose for your portion? O how miserable! When a few days are passed, you must go to the grave, and into eternity, and then how wretched are you, if, when you have done with worldly enjoyment, it may be said that you have received no consolation!

The following extract from "A Sketch of Assem." just published, will show that the marriage customs of the Assemese have many curious points of similarity to those of the patriarchs described in the Pentateuch:

"Jacob served Laban as a servant or bondsman many years to obtain in marriage Leah and Rachel, who were sisters; and he was not allowed to marry the younger before the elder. So in Assem a man may marry two sisters, but he must not marry the elder before the younger. It is not uncommon, when a man is poverty stricken, to engage to live and work for several years for the father of the girl he wishes to marry. He is then called a Chapuena—a kind of bondsman—and is entitled to receive kupper, food and clothing, but no wages; and, at the expiration of the period of servitude, if the girl does not dislike him, the marriage takes place. The man is looked on in the family as a khandu damad (or son-in-law), and is treated kindly. If the girl's father be very wealthy, and he has no sons, he will sometimes select, from some equally respectable family, a husband for his daughter, and bring him up in his own house. The youth so selected is likewise called Chapuena, and inherits the whole of his father-in-law's property. If a woman's husband dies, though she may be only eighteen or twenty years of age, she can never marry again."

MR. POLK UNMASKED.
BY A DEMOCRAT.
Correspondence of the Baltimore Clipper.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4, 1847.

Messrs Editors: Your remarks in last Saturday's Clipper on the personalities of my correspondence have been carefully and attentively read. While I appreciate the consciousness of motive which induced you to animadvert upon the style and language of my last communication, I cannot help considering the occasion which called forth the rebuke, as inappropriate and out of place. There are epochs in the political history of a nation when the moral exorcismes, which imperceptibly graft themselves upon the constitutional tree, become so hardened and intractable, as to defy the application of the pruning knife, unless guided by a strong and violent hand. It was by such means that the moral sense of the English nation was roused from a lethargic slumber of a hundred years, and made to stand against the influences of Lord North's administration. It was by means of such direct remedies that the emaculate branch of the Bourbons was driven from a throne which it had so long desecrated and disgraced. It is by such expedients only that the people of this country can be brought to a correct understanding of their perilous situation, and stimulated to shake off those inglorious fetters, which, under the pretext of enforcing party discipline, have so long kept their minds and judgments in shameful bondage. The doctrine that the King can do no wrong may do very well in certain hemispheres, but no reasoning of sophistical ingenuity, however dexterously administered, can render it palatable to the people of this country. I can conceive of no form of Government, where it becomes more imperatively the duty of every good citizen to criticize the actions of men in power than ours. This should be done not timidly and by mawkish affectations of deference to the individual in office, but with that fearless honesty of purpose, which looking neither to the right nor to the left, dares forward to the people the truth, and seeks only to achieve some public good. If an individual has made use of base practices in order to reach some exalted station, which he afterwards disgraced by a course of mean and dishonorable actions, he should be held up to the scorn and execration of mankind. This is the only safeguard we have against the recurrence of a similar evil. This is the only protection the people can have against the repetition of political schemers, who will not doubt repeat the fraud, if its enormities has been less pointedly dwelt upon.

And yet I doubt whether I should have been disposed to undertake the ungrateful task of animadverting as I have done upon the two most mischievous characters in Washington.—President Polk and his aged victim of the "Union"—had not Mr. Ritchie, in his anxiety to perpetuate the dynasty of little minds—in his blind desire to retain the administration in public office, and in his desire to keep the pettifoggers, adopted a style of argumentation and a tone of language which frequently amounted to low rascality. Witness for instance the vulgar flashes of merriment and in decent allusions which have lately characterized all his remarks on Gen. Taylor, showing most distinctly that his impious object, however impudent and unavailing, is to bring that despised individual into disrepute, and to show as Ritchie versus Zachary Taylor. A Sayer to Hyperion! It was after witnessing the spasmodic efforts of this political nestor to get up another *so-called* national convention, for the exclusive benefit of himself and friends, that I determined to enter the lists and venture a few pages in behalf of the people. It was upon a solemn conviction that a daring attempt was about to be made to the subjugation of the United States, and that the nation was in danger of a sad and gloomy saturnalia of undetected villanies that I undertook to revive the memory of the many acts of perfidy which have marked the course of this administration, if the language in which my denunciations have been couched has not always been redolent of the fragrance of roses, it must be remembered, that although other men have the advent of Mr. Polk, have attempted to make the administration of justice the whisper of a groveling faction, it was reserved for him to carry out that beautiful aphorism of *Larochefoucault*—that "language was given to us for the purpose of disguising our thoughts." 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